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*n. pl. prox-ies*

1. A person authorized to act for another; an agent or substitute.
2. The authority to act for another.
3. The written authorization to act in place of another.

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[Middle English proccy, contraction of earlier procracie, *annual payment to a prelate*, from Anglo-Norman procuracie, from Medieval Latin prŏcūrātia, alteration of Latin prŏcūrātiō, from prŏcūrātus, past participle of prŏcūrāre, *to take care of*; see **procure**.]

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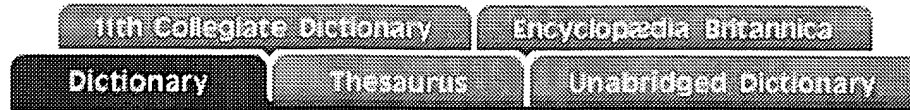
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Date: 15th century

**1** : the agency, function, or office of a deputy who acts as a substitute for another

**2 a** : authority or power to act for another **b** : a document giving such authority; *specifically* : a power of attorney authorizing a specified person to vote corporate stock

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